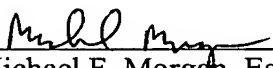


REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-22 are pending in the application. There are one (1) independent claim and a total of twenty-two (22) claims pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the preliminary amendment.

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